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REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This reply is responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (Voluntary Revised Practice) dated August 13, 2003, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The present reply updates the Listing of the Claims to indicate that claims 1-23 were cancelled. In all other respects, the present reply is the same as the previously filed Amendment and Response. The one-month shortened statutory period for reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is set to expire on September 13, 2003. Accordingly, applicants believe that this reply is timely filed. No fee or extension of time is believed to be due for this filing. Should any fee be due, the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge such fees to deposit account No. 50-2350. Should a petition for an extension of time be required this communication, applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 to make submission of the papers submitted herewith timely and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account

No. 50-2350. For the purpose of charging said deposit account, duplicates of pages 1, 2 and the signature page of this reply are submitted herewith.

The amendments presented below are in compliance with the final amendment format set forth in the Notice from the Office of Patent Legal Administration of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office dated June 30, 2003, and published at 68 Fed. Reg. 38611.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: